



Aging & Disability Resource Center Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Haberman at 1:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Nancy Haberman, Chair, Carol Battenberg, Dan Krause, Georganne Mortensen, Jim Mode, Marian Moran, Mary Ann Steppke and Earlene Ronk.

Also Present: Sue Torum & Sharon Olson, ADRC staff.

**Certification of Compliance with Open Meetings Law**

Torum certified compliance.

**Review Agenda**

The agenda was reviewed.

**Public Comment**

None.

**Approval of 8/7/12 Minutes**

A motion to approve the 8/7/12 minutes was made by Moran and seconded by Steppke. The motion passed unanimously.

**Communications**

None

**Advocacy/Legislative Updates**

Denise Grossman, Elder Benefit Specialist, applied for a *Seniors Out Speaking* (SOS) grant for \$3,000. The funds are to be used to recruit and train volunteers so that they can spread the word among their peers about Medicare. The idea is to have people talking about Medicare in casual conversation. One example of how this might work would be for a meal site participant to volunteer so that periodically s/he could bring up the topic at lunch time.

### **ADRC Monthly Report**

Olson provided the committee with an introduction to the ADRC via the webpage and an video. She also handed out brochures on the various services the ADRC provides. Since opening in July 2008, the ADRC has had over 17,000 contacts!

### **Dementia Specialist Funding Opportunity**

The Department of Health Services (DHS) has funding available for Dementia Care Specialists. This is a competitive application process and Jefferson County intends to apply. Torum said that the county is in a very good position to do so because the Aging and Disability Resources Division has demonstrated a strong commitment in addressing the needs of this population.

### **2013-2015 Aging Unit Plan Public Hearing Report**

Two people attended the public hearing at the Jefferson Senior Center. They were primarily interested in learning more about services available for caregivers.

### **State Medical Society Pilot Project: Honoring Choices**

Jefferson County has been chosen to participate in *Honoring Choices Wisconsin*. This is a major initiative to build system change, advocacy and education around advance care planning. Two individuals from Rainbow Hospice Care are already heavily involved in this and Fort HealthCare has also signed on. UW Health Partners have not made a commitment to join and they are being approached again. This initiative is about having facilitated conversations to help people explore their beliefs and wishes about how they choose to spend their final days. The conversation should occur way in advance of a life threatening illness.

### **Transportation Planning**

The S85.21 Specialized Transportation Assistance to Counties Program and grant application process was discussed and the 2011 transportation report was reviewed so that new members were familiar with county provided transportation services and funding requirements. The discussion focused on changes that are being made in service delivery to maximize time and money. The van driver is retiring in January 2014 so the 2013 planning process will heavily focus on revamping the project. For 2013, no significant changes are being proposed.

### **Fall Prevention Month**

September is Fall Prevention Awareness Month. Several organizations are offering “Stepping On” which is an evidenced based fall prevention program. The proclamation from the governor was read.

### **Set next meeting date and possible agenda items**

The next meeting will be on October 2, 2012. Discussion will include standing items, an overview of Family Care, Partnership & IRIS and information about Family Care efficiencies in case management and residential services.

**Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Ronk, seconded by Mode and passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Torum, Manager  
Aging & Disability Resources Division